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FAREWELL TO ROWLAND CROSS

With this issue the China Bulletin regretfully drops the name of Rowland Cross from the masthead. He has now retired as Executive Secretary of the Far Eastern Joint Office. His retirement was noted in a special service honoring him at the annual meeting of the Division of Foreign Missions at Buck Hill Falls in December. His many friends will however be glad to know that he will continue active as a Secretary of the Chinese Student and Alumni Services, 130 Morningside Drive, New York City.

NOVEMBER HSIEH CHIN

The November Hsieh Chin (monthly bulletin of the National Christian Council) has just arrived. The 46 pages are distributed among the following topics:

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Wang Chih-hsin's second lengthy article brings the history up to the time of the Tai Ping Rebellion. These articles undoubtedly represent the "home work" he has to do to clear himself of the taint of the Chinese Church History which he wrote before "liberation", in which of course an honored place was given to the pioneer missionaries. Now the whole history is being rewritten to besmirch in every way possible the revered names of the past.

In the pages on the election program, Yen Tzu-ch'i of Foochow reports an interview with each of the four Christians elected to the Foochow City Council. They are Yu Jui-ling, Chairman of the Mid-Fukien Synod of the CCC, Liu Yu-ts'ang, Sheng Kung Hui pastor, P'eng Ch'i-hsi, Assistant Secretary of the YMCA, and Wang Sung-hsun, a CCC layman.

The miscellaneous pages include a devotional article on Christians being the light of the world and the salt of the earth, and a hymn for patriotic services, given with its original tune. The hymn is entitled, "Our country, we will ever be true to thee."

CHINA RECONSTRUCTS, Nov.-Dec., 1953

This Communist organ has two articles of rather special interest. The first is by Cora Deng, on "Christian Life and Activities." Miss Deng, a YWCA Secretary, describes Christian activities today to show how free religion is in the new China. Her own church, the Sheng Kung Hui, has recently made the Shensi Home Missionary District into a full self-supporting diocese, so that the church has now 14 dioceses. Since liberation six priests and assistant bishops have been elevated to the bishopric. In the month in which she was writing two priests and five deacons

sued about 20 times a year to keep mission boards and missionaries informed on Christian work in China. ANNUAL RATES: Domestic, $2.00; Overseas, Firstclass $4.00, Second class $3.00. Airmail $5.00 in 15 cent zone, $7.00 in 25 cent zone. Please send payments as due.

were ordained in the Chekiang Diocese alone. The Hsing Hwa Baptist Church in Canton laid the foundation stone for its new building last May 10. The interdenominational Easter Chorus in Shanghai repeated its program three times to overflowing audiences. The figures of the China Bible House are also encouraging. "From June 1949 to December 1952 208,904 copies of the whole Bible were published, and 151,057 copies sold. During the same period it printed 133,500 New Testaments and sold 148,889 copies. It printed 2,944,500 single books and sold 3,519,364 copies, the excess in the last two publications coming from stock on hand at the beginning of the period.

"In the nationwide People's Political Consultative Conference and the municipal People's Representative Conference of Shanghai, in both of which I am a delegate, I have found that religious workers are given a place on an equal basis with every other group." "We want the Korean question and other problems in the Far East, as well as other parts of the world, to be settled by peaceful means. That is why so many of us signed the Stockholm Appeal and the Appeal for the Five-Power Peace Pact." "I myself have found joy and satisfaction in co-operating with the Communist Party and working under its leadership. I have seen that people with religious faith and those without it can work together for the common purpose of building a free, strong, democratic, peace-loving country, and to improve and enrich our people's life."

The other article is by O. S. Lieu (Liu Ong-sheng), one of the capitalists of Shanghai, owner of Shanghai Portland Cement Works with 1,100 workmen, The China Wool Manufacturing Co. with 1,200 workmen, the China Match Co. with 2,794 workmen, and the Chung Hwa Wharf. He left Shanghai just before the Communist occupation of the city, but decided to go back in October of that year (1949). He admits that private business men have gone through some hard times since liberation, but claims that the situation now is very hopeful. "The large-scale construction now going forward has created an urgent and ever-growing demand for cement which the government buys on long term contract, giving us a reasonable profit." His woollen mill is in full operation. "Never before were we able to produce and sell so much." Even his worst hit match factories are beginning to balance their budgets.

During the post-war period he worked with CNRRA and got a thoroughly cynical view of American operations, in which they poured huge amounts of war surplus goods into China just to prevent these commodities from flooding and killing their own home markets.

"Who of us can fail to rejoice that, at long last, a New China has been born, capable of defending her own rights and contributing to the peace of the world?"

MISSIONARY NEWS

Mrs. Ned Munson (formerly YMCA, Foochow and Shanghai) died on December 12 at the home of her daughter Eleanor Claire in Portland, Maine.

The Sidney Andersons (Methodist, Shanghai), now in Hong Kong, report the organization of a new Methodist congregation in Hong Kong, and a joint American and British Methodist project for building a Wesley Village to house refugee families.

The Catholic Center in Hong Kong reported that 64 Catholic missionaries were expelled from Communist China during November: four bishops, 39 priests, 18 nuns and three lay brothers. They report that 300 missionaries still remain in China, many being in prison or under house arrest. Some of the expelled missionaries reported being given only one meal a day in Communist prisons.

Albert Steward (Methodist, Univ. of Nanking) has the manuscript of a book on the flora of China nearly ready for the press.

Veteran CIM missionary, Rev. F. C. H. Dreyer, died on Nov. 20 at his home in Philadelphia. Mr. Dreyer went to China in 1895. He was the founder of the Shansi Bible Institute.

There are 21 (counting children) on the roll of the Presbyterian US Mission of Taiwan, working out from four large centers, according to the Christmas letter of the James N. Montgomery

Jeffrey Bull, last British missionary in China, arrived recently in Hong Kong after three years and ten months in a Communist prison.

SCHOOL NEWS

The fall semester of the Yenching Union Theological Seminary opened in Peking on October 19 with seventy-four new students. This school was formed last spring from the union of the Yenching School of Religion, Peking Theological Seminary and the Women's Bible Training School, with Wang Tzu-chung as President. During the summer three additional schools entered the union: The Peking Holiness (Sheng-chieh) Church Seminary, Tungpei Theological Seminary from Manchuria and the Kaifeng Baptist Seminary. President Wang and Dean J. F. Li both spoke in the opening services.

Six church middle schools of Canton, which have evidently been operating as private schools since 1951, when they were cut off from foreign support, were on October 9 officially adopted as government schools, according to a report of the Canton Southern Daily, reprinted in the November Hsieh Chin. The six are: Puiching (Southern Baptist boys' school), Puitoo (Southern Baptist girls' school), Puiying (Presbyterian boys' school), Hingwah (Baptist locally established co-educational school), Manshin (formerly known as the Morning Star Orphanage School, founded by Rev. Calvin Lee - Presbyterian affiliation, coeducational), and Chunchung (originally a branch of the True Light Middle School).

Some news of Yenching University comes by way of Mrs. S. T. Wong who has come from Peking to Hong Kong recently. The J. C. Li's are living in the South Compound, Ruth Chou in one of the new faculty houses. Bob Winter, formerly Tsinghua University, is living in Lang Jun Yuan.

Canning Young, formerly of West China Union University, now lives in Formosa, and is the architect for the new Christian university there.

Several recent NCNA news items have been concerned with medical education in China. [illegible] claimed that over 660,000 medical workers have been trained in China during the past four years. They include 11,000 doctors, 52,000 doctors' assistants, and the rest nurses and midwives. China has 33 medical colleges, and 204 medical schools for doctors' assistants. One of these is the China Medical University in Mukden. 600 freshmen enrolled this fall, bringing the student body up to over 3,000. It has a faculty of 600. Most of the textbooks used are of Soviet origin.

The dependence of the reorganized Tsinghua University upon Soviet educational experience is described in an article in the Peking People's Daily for Nov. 5. The contributions of five Soviet experts working in the University are described in detail. Most important of the five is Professor Satovich, who is adviser to the University president. It seems clear from the article that it is the adviser and not the president who is the real administrative head of the University. Such an admission would not have been ventured two or three years ago; this change shows vividly the increasing Soviet domination in the internal affairs of China.

CHURCH NEWS

Wang Shen-yin of Honan was consecrated suffragan bishop for Shantung on October 18 in Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai. The following bishops of the Sheng Kung Hui took part in the consecration: Presiding Bishop Robin Chen, Mao K'e-chung, Cheng Cheng-yeh, Ling Hsien-yang, Ts'eng Yu-shan, Shen Tzu-kao, and Cheng Ho-fu. In addition representatives of other churches were there to offer their felicitations, Y. T. Wu, Bishop Z. T. Kaung, H.H. Tsui, and YMCA General Secretary T'u Yu-ch'ing. The writer of the article, Hsu Chang-t'ai, notes that this is the first time that Trinity Cathedral has been used for such a national church occasion, and states definitely that the Government, after taking it from its former British ownership, has now turned it over to the Sheng Kung Hui.

Rev. George Wu, Chairman of the National Christian Council, went in October to Korea on a "comfort mission" to the Chinese soldiers there.

Outside the North Gate of Foochow, on Saddle Hill, the pit where the Catholic Orphanage [illegible]ied children was dramatically dug up in July, and the hill was renamed "The grave of ten thou[illegible]d children". The government has now put up a memorial monument there, and on October 11